

I claim:

1. A method of pressurizing and depressurizing a shipping container containing the following steps:
 - a. Inserting or matting to a soft elastomeric seal mounted on the container.
 - b. Pressurizing and depressurizing the container to a level under 1 psi positive and negative pressure.
 - c. Extracting the gases and delivering a gas sample to a chromatographic analyzer to determine the chemical composition to determine the presence of contraband, explosives or biological agents.
2. A method of inserting a radiological probe through a soft seal mounted on the container.
3. The method of claim 1 simultaneously performing the method of claim 2.
4. A apparatus forming a penetratable soft seal design that the perimeter has mechanical indentations that can be read by the matting device to identify the unique serial number of the soft seal.
5. The mounting of the apparatus described in claim 1 on the spreader of a shipping container crane.
6. The mounting of the apparatus described in claim 2 on the spreader of a shipping container crane.
7. The mounting of the apparatus described in claim 3 on the spreader of a shipping container crane.